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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE CONGRESS' CONVOCATION MEANS THAT A FULL LEADERSHIP
LINE-UP PROBABLY WILL BE IN PLACE BY THE TIME THE SECRE-
TARY ARRIVES IN PEKING. PRESENTLY THERE ARE ONLY THREE
PARTY STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (DOWN FROM NINE IN 1975),
AND THE POLITBURO IS EIGHT BELOW ITS NORMAL FULL SIZE OF
25. THE CONGRESS WILL ALSO APPROVE A POLITICAL REPORT
THAT WILL ATTEMPT TO SET BASIC PRC POLICY IN FOREIGN AS
WELL AS DOMESTIC AFFAIRS FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. WE ARE
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NOT EXPECTING GREAT SURPRISES, BUT BRIEFING BOOK REVISIONS
WILL BE NECESSARY.

2. NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS FOR INTENDING IMMIGRANTS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HOPE THAT A WAY HAS BEEN FOUND TO RESOLVE A CONFLICT IN

PEKING AMONG HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, US IMMIGRATION LAW AND
PRC REGULATIONS. MANY OF THE SEVERAL DOZEN PRIVATE
CITIZENS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR VISITORS VISAS AT USLO

APPEAR TO BE INTENDING IMMIGRANTS, BUT PRC AUTHORITIES
HAVE NOT ALLOWED INTERVIEWS SO IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING
HAS BEEN PRECLUDED THUS FAR. IF USLO REFUSES THE NON-
IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION, WE FEAR THAT THE CHINESE WILL
NOT ALLOW THE INDIVIDUAL TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. RECENTLY,
A CHINESE CITIZEN AND HIS TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WERE ISSUED
NIV'S IN PEKING DESPITE THEIR STATUS AS BENEFICIARIES OF
AN IMMIGRANT VISA PETITION. THEY WERE ABLE TO EXIT THE
PRC AND ARE NOW IN HONG KONG PURSUING THEIR IV APPLICA-
TIONS. WE HOPE THIS WILL BE A PATTERN WHICH WILL SATISFY
PRC AUTHORITIES, US OFFICIALS, AND RELATIVES IN THE US.

3. PRC WORK GLOVE EXPORTS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE WORK GLOVE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION IS CONTEMPLATING
TAKING ACTION AGAINST WORK GLOVE IMPORTS FROM THE PRC.
THE ASSOCIATION HAS HIRED A CONSULTANT TO LOOK INTO THE
POSSIBILITY OF PETITIONING THE PRESIDENT FOR RELIEF UNDER
SECTION 406 OF THE TRADE ACT. THROUGH EB, WE ARE KEEPING
IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

4. NEW PRC FEATURES OF EAST ASIA CRUISES (UNCLASSIFIED)
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THE AMERICAN EXPRESS NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST ANNOUNCES
SEVERAL CRUISES TO EAST ASIA THIS FALL AND WINTER WHICH
INCLUDE SHORE EXCURSIONS TO CHINA. IN OCTOBER, HOLLAND
AMERICA'S "PRINSENDAM ROTTERDAM," WHILE DOCKED IN HONG
KONG, WILL SEND PASSENGERS TO CANTON, AND ABOUT 50 OF THEM
WILL GO ON TO PEKING. CUNARD'S QE2, WHICH IS TO DOCK IN
HONG KONG IN MARCH, WILL DISPATCH SOME 650 PASSENGERS TO
CANTON, AND A LIMITED NUMBER WILL GO TO PEKING. THE
SHORE EXCURSIONS REPORTEDLY MAY INCLUDE VISITS TO THE
PEKING OPERA, COMMUNES, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, ZOOS, AND
FACTORIES. THE TRAVEL TO PEKING FROM CRUISE SHIPS AND THE
DOCKING OF ONE OF THEM IN SHANGHAI ARE NEW FEATURES OF
TOURIST TRAVEL TO THE PRC.

5. HENRY FORD TO PEKING? (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE LOCAL FORD MOTOR COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE CALLED THIS
WEEK TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF HENRY FORD'S TRIP TO ASIA,
WHICH TENTATIVELY INCLUDES STOPS IN BOTH TAIWAN AND PEKING.
IF VISAS ARE FORTHCOMING AND NOTHING ELSE DISRUPTS
SCHEDULE, HE WILL BE IN CHINA SOME TIME IN OCTOBER AND

PLANS TO VISIT TAIWAN AFTERWARDS, USING A SECOND PASSPORT.
THE TRIP IS STILL VERY MUCH IN THE PLANNING STAGE, HOWEVER.

6. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN SECRETARY'S VISIT
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING A STEADILY-INCREASING VOLUME OF
MAIL AND PHONE CALLS FROM CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS AND THE
PUBLIC ON ASPECTS OF OUR CHINA POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH
THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO PEKING. MOST OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
CALLS HAVE BEEN BASED ON THEIR NEED TO RESPOND TO CON-
STITUENT MAIL ON THE TRIP. OPINION APPEARS FAIRLY EVENLY
DIVIDED BETWEEN THOSE WHO DO NOT WISH TO HARM OUR RELATIONS
WITH TAIWAN, THOSE WHO WISH SPEEDY RECOGNITION OF THE PRC,
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AND THOSE WHO HOPEFULLY SEEK FULL RELATIONS WITH BOTH
TAIPEI AND PEKING.
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